

the organiza-
nald spoke of the changes
and challenges facing
Canadian society as we
grapple with issues of
social justice.

Canada, she said, can
be proud of its achieve-
ments in multicultu-
ralism, but warned that

nership.
Equity, said McDonald,
must not be confused
with equality.

Equity, according to
her, means recognizing
and addressing differ-
ences to achieve equal-
ity.

"Equity is a means to

sized by
"If we are to
cessfully the challenges
of the next decade we
must bring the commu-
nity, with its wealth of re-
sources, in partnership
with the school to ad-
dress the needs and op-
portunities of these de-

cerns of the Black and
Caribbean community,
and provide a forum for
its members to partici-
pate more meaningfully
at the decision-making
levels in Durham Region.

Brighton report criticized

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The JCA runs many
educational and social
services programs each
year, and federal funding
in 1996 is \$29,000, Stewart
said.

Rochelle Wilner, na-
tional chair of the League
for Human Rights of
B'nai Brith, said that fed-
eral funding is not used
for "folk dancing and
communal cooking."

She said her organiza-
tion's programs have
included public aware-
ness campaigns to com-
bat anti-Semitism, rac-
ism, prejudice and big-
otry.

"All the programs have

had an impact on the
broader community,"
said Wilner. "We are ask-
ing for the continuation
of funding for projects
that are worthwhile and
beneficial, regardless of
which organization is in-
volved."

CCNC representative
Stephen Lee said the gov-
ernment must "act with
integrity" and "do what's
good for Canada, rather
than giving in to igno-
rance."

Anthony Ayok Chol,
president of the African
Migration Commission,
said that as a Canadian,
he feels "deeply of-
fended" by the Brighton

report and its recom-
mendations.

All the speakers ex-
pressed dismay that the
report was compiled and
conclusions drawn, with-
out any of the research-
ers talking with members
of community and
ethno-racial organiza-
tions.

"The report wasn't
done in a proper way,"
said Stewart. "We are the
foot soldiers and we were
not consulted."

In an October 28
"open letter" to Dr. Hedy
Fry, Secretary of State for
Multiculturalism, repre-
sentatives of 10 organiza-
tions argued that

Canada's Multicultural
Program "must be
refocused" and ought
to be "more clearly di-
rected at removing the
barriers of access and full
participation in the so-
cial, cultural, economic
and political life of the
country."

They said grants are
resources required by
community groups "to
participate and be a
part of societal
change, to monitor in-
stitutional initiatives,
ensure their imple-
mentation, and iden-
tify and overcome re-
sistance — both sys-
temic and individual."